

Arimo Fire District-Mitigation Plan

The Arimo Fire District is located in Southern Bannock County and is predominantly agricultural. The District covers approximately 85 square miles and the Department protects 153 homes with a value of \$8,976,000.00.

The Arimo Fire Department is a volunteer department with an average of 12 volunteers including the Fire Chief. The Department responds to approximately 20 calls for service per calendar year.

The Department operates 2 pumpers, a 1,000 gallon brush truck, a 250 gallon brush truck and a 2500 gallon tender which is old and slow. The Department also has structural equipment.

The Chief feels that the Department is adequately trained given their resources and could do better if funding for training was available. Personnel turnover is often times an issue with the Department. The ability to compensate the volunteers for required training would help with the turnover issue.

The Department has a limited history of fire prevention programs. A limited number of volunteers and limited resources make programs difficult to achieve. The Department has not been involved in any fuel reduction projects and is not aware of any planned projects in the District.

The Department has a history of several large wildfires each year and a number of smaller field fires.

There are several homes located near the District that are not included in the District. They are located on Rattlesnake Road near Power County. Additionally, there are several homes that opted not to participate in the District.

Water resources currently used by the Department are the City water system, connectivity to agricultural sources and Hawkins Reservoir.

Fire Mitigation Goals

- Funding for Station upgrade \$200,000.00
- New brush truck 60,000.00
- Small equipment (hand tools-saws, etc.) 5,000.00
- Personal Protective Equipment 5,000.00
- Fuel Reduction Projects-Homes near Hawkins
- Fire breaks on CRP land 2,000.00
- Home Evaluations 2,000.00
- Wildland Fire Training 10,000.00
- County wildland fire code
- County mutual aid agreement
- Portable water supply
- Become A Firewise Community

Fire Mitigation Actions

- Station and Equipment upgrades-work with the Federal Agencies to identify funding sources for these issues. Participate in training opportunities for grant writing and work with County, State and Federal Agencies to acquire needed funding.
- Fuel Reduction Projects-work closely with the BLM and Forest Service programs to identify projects adjacent to Federal lands.
- Home Evaluations-work with Three Rivers RC&D in getting their assistance with home evaluations.
- Participate with the BLM training now available through the Eastern Idaho Technical College and look for funding ideas to compensate volunteers.
- Wildland Fire Code-participate with a Countywide group to draft and adopt a code.
- Mutual Aid Agreement-participate with other Fire Districts in the County to adopt a mutual aid agreement.
- Portable Water Supply-participate with other Fire Districts to acquire and share water tenders.

Arimo Fire District**MODERATE**

Past Occurrence	3
Fuel Conditions	2
Population	3
Suppression	4
Suggested Mitigation Projects-Fire breaks for homes near CRP Lands	

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